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***"AN ACT CONCERNING EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION."***

1 After the last section insert the following:

2 "Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 10-220a of the general statutes is  
3 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
4 *October 1, 2002*):

5 (a) Each local or regional board of education shall provide an in-  
6 service training program for its teachers, administrators and pupil  
7 personnel who hold the initial educator, provisional educator or  
8 professional educator certificate. Such program shall provide such  
9 teachers, administrators and pupil personnel with information on (1)  
10 the nature and the relationship of drugs, as defined in subdivision (17)  
11 of section 21a-240, and alcohol to health and personality development,  
12 and procedures for discouraging their abuse, (2) health and mental  
13 health risk reduction education which includes, but need not be  
14 limited to, the prevention of risk-taking behavior by children and the

15 relationship of such behavior to substance abuse, pregnancy, sexually  
16 transmitted diseases, including HIV-infection and AIDS, as defined in  
17 section 19a-581, violence, child abuse and youth suicide, (3) child and  
18 youth development, including methods for the development of  
19 character qualities such as responsibility, honesty, respect, empathy  
20 and self-reliance in children and youth, (4) the growth and  
21 development of exceptional children, including handicapped and  
22 gifted and talented children and children who may require special  
23 education, and methods for identifying, planning for and working  
24 effectively with special needs children in a regular classroom, [(4)] (5)  
25 school violence prevention and conflict resolution, [(5)] (6)  
26 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and other emergency life saving  
27 procedures, [(6)] (7) computer and other information technology as  
28 applied to student learning and classroom instruction,  
29 communications and data management, and [(7)] (8) the teaching of  
30 the language arts, reading and reading readiness for teachers in grades  
31 kindergarten to three, inclusive. The State Board of Education, within  
32 available appropriations and utilizing available materials, shall assist  
33 and encourage local and regional boards of education to include: (A)  
34 Holocaust education and awareness; (B) the historical events  
35 surrounding the Great Famine in Ireland; (C) African-American  
36 history; (D) Puerto Rican history; (E) Native American history; (F)  
37 personal financial management; and (G) topics approved by the state  
38 board upon the request of local or regional boards of education as part  
39 of in-service training programs pursuant to this subsection."